

Torrance Third in Building

Torrance outstripped all Southern California cities except Los Angeles and San Diego during its January construction boom.

Although the pace has simmered down considerably in February, building officials predict that permit valuation this month will be around \$2,000,000.

During January, Torrance's permit valuations amounted to \$7,023,410, more than triple over January, 1957, when \$1,905,796 was chalked up.

During January only two of 66 Southern California cities surpassed Torrance.

Los Angeles had a permit valuation of \$46,264,686. San Diego had \$10,544,881.

El Cajon, with \$5,150,372 was fourth and Long Beach with \$3,730,690, was fifth.

During the current month, no large single projects were submitted for permits, but there were a number of apartment units and churches as well as some industrial remodeling jobs.

As of Wednesday, permit valuation for the month was \$1,084,503.

Palos Verdes Scholarship Examination

Saturday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m., Marymount Palos Verdes will conduct its annual scholarship examination for eighth grade students of public, private or parochial schools, school officials announced today.

The Marymount scholarship awards will vary in value from \$400 to \$1200, depending on the examination ranking of competing students. They entitle winning students to college preparatory training and extend over the full four years of high school, provided the winners maintain satisfactory standings.

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C of C Assigns Special 1958 Work Chairmen

Committee assignment forms for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have been mailed to members.

President O. R. Trueblood said that members may indicate their choice of committee in fields of special interest to them.

Chairmanships have been assigned to the following:
Advertising, William Zappas; aviation, James D. Thomas; clean-up, paint-up, fix-up, Lee Dawson; economic understanding, Harold Frenz; education, Fred E. Brunner; fire prevention, Fred J. Hansen; industrial, Fred Todd; legislative, Clyde Hasley.

Member relations, Jim Becker; membership meeting, Donald W. Lasell; public health, Rodney A. Stetson, M. D.; recreation and sports, Ben Smith; religious activities, Mervin M. Schwab; speakers bureau, James Squire; and traffic and parking, Abraham Robinson.

Man Arrested After Breaking Door to Bar

A car salesman who was so insistent on entering a cafe after closing hours that he allegedly knocked down the front door, was arrested by police Tuesday night.

Booked on drunk and malicious mischief charges was Dewey David Baker, 35, of 3037 Warren Lane, Costa Mesa.

Lewis P. Reitz, manager of the Polynesian, Pacific Coast Highway and Kent St., told police the suspect smashed in the front door.

Baker told officers he merely wanted to get inside to obtain his car keys.

Large Donation Given Hospital

At a recent meeting of the Advisory Council of the Little Company of Mary Hospital, Frank McCormick of McCormick Mortuaries, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Whittier, pledged his support with a contribution of \$2500. Efforts are being made to raise an additional \$90,000 for beds. The hospital is now under construction in Torrance, and is planned to meet the rapidly growing needs of the South Bay area.

Robert I. Plomert Jr., is chairman of the Advisory Council. Secretary of the Advisory Council is George Schneider. Mother M. Magdalen is superior, and Mother M. Lucy is assistant superior of the Little Company of Mary in Torrance.

Floor Wax Blamed For \$800 Blaze

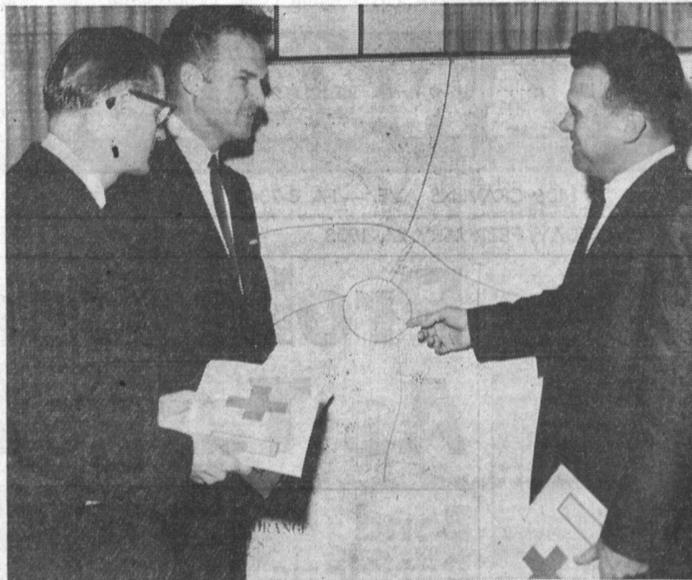
Spontaneous combustion of floor or furniture wax, caused between \$800 to \$1000 damage to a home at 20005 Talisman Ave., Wednesday, Torrance firemen reported.

The blaze broke out under the sink of the home of Joseph E. Rice, and while the fire damage was confined to the kitchen, firemen said that smoke damaged other parts of the house.

Type for Red Cross

On February 10 and 11, eleven members of the South Bay Chapter of the National International Secretaries Association gathered at the Torrance City Hall and devoted their evenings to the Red Cross by typing letters and envelopes.

Those participating were: Paula Brown, Anne Sixbury, Thelma Robertson, Dorothy Skelton, Sandra Spaulding, Margaret Charles, Bernice Goodwin, Cecelia Daniels, Margaret Beavers, Sallie Kinney and Betsy Burns.



MAP DRIVE—Discussing the Red Cross campaign drive which opens March 1, are three division leaders for the Torrance campaign. They are from left: Clifford Nickle, Southwood; George Vico, Hollywood Riviera; and Arthur Perkins, Southwest.

Red Cross Needs Workers To Bolster Fund Campaign

"Only a thorough organization of volunteers will guarantee the success of Torrance's Expanded Red Cross fund drive," declared Residential Chairman Mrs. Mary Pagac this week in the course of an "urgent appeal" for another 200 workers needed to cover local areas during next month's annual campaign.

"The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be on everyone concerned," she continued to point out and indicated that any one of the following division chairmen may be contacted for assignments: Mrs. Nick Dralle of 3431 W. 17th St. at DA 4-4088; Mrs. John Hogan of 1427 El Prado at FA 8-4176; Mrs. Don Cowden of 1529 W. 223rd St. at FA 8-1038; Mrs. George Shelton of 2207 Gramercy, at FA 8-5556; George Vico of Hollywood Riviera at FR 5-4789; Cliff Nickle of 4617 Vista Montana at FR 5-2668; Perk Perkins of 24463 Hawthorne Blvd. at FR 5-0561; and Mrs. Morris Frislie in charge of the Walteria organization at DA 6-4835.

"We are determined to have a spirited campaign that will not only spell success for Torrance, but will result in expanded funds for the Red Cross," asserted the residential chairman. "But in order to do this, we must have enough workers," she emphasized while again urging prospective doorbell ringers to call her at FA 8-5907, or FA 8-5374.

Also lined up to assist with the direction of residential solicitation activities are the following section chairmen: Mrs. Walter L. Kronberger, Mrs. Frances McKnight, Mrs. Frank F. Forve, Mrs. Ralph Eystone, Mrs. Bonnie Zuppard, Mrs. Hazel Hyde,

Mrs. John Muhllick, Mrs. John Everett, Mrs. Joseph Ollouque, Mrs. Alonzo Venable, Mrs. Helen Whitehurst, Mrs. Charles Darrow, Mrs. H. Allison, and Mrs. O. Samuelson.

Other section chairmen include Mrs. Maurine Tyner, Mrs. Louis Nichols, Mrs. Robert Feldman, Mrs. Frank Bowes, Mrs. Herbert Minter, Mrs. Susan Bond, Mrs. Jake Zwaagstra, Mrs. Floyd Newton and Mrs. George Stevens.

Top leaders assisting Dr. Don Moshos as 1958 Red Cross fund chairman include Mrs. Pagac, residential chairman; Ray Wyatt, business chairman; and Hervey McCafferty, professional chairman.

Coates to Show Trampoline Acts at North High

Harold Coates, outstanding trampoline artist, will appear in an assembly program at North High School, Monday, February 24. Coates' program is a visual demonstration of physical coordination, fitness and agility.

While in high school Coates mastered several acts which are quite rare for trampoline artists. Later on he became Los Angeles City Tumbling Champion, and in 1950 was Junior Collegiate National Diving Champion at Fullerton College.

While in the service, Coates and Dr. Sammy Lee were the only athletes to be selected by the Army to represent them in the Olympic try-outs.

More Space to Screen Foreign Airport Arrivals

To facilitate the screening of passengers arriving at Los Angeles International Airport from foreign lands, extensive additions have been made to the building housing the United States customs, health and immigration services.

The new area adds 1400 square feet to the previously existing accommodations, and is now ready for use. Costing a total of \$36,000, the contract was let August 7, 1957. Need for these expanded quarters is evidenced in the fact that, during 1957 foreign passenger arrivals totaled more than 100,000, an increase of nearly 40 per cent over the number handled during the previous year by the government units at the airport.

Teenager Nabbed For Assault; Car Caught in Flood

Two youths and two juveniles were nabbed by Torrance police Friday night on suspicion of assaulting a 15-year-old student with a beer can.

Booked on charges of suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon were Richard James Bogacki, 19, of 22402 Shadycroft Ave., and Patrick E. Mikeka, 19, of 22303 Shadycroft, and two juveniles.

The quartet was caught when their auto was mired down in water at Henrietta St. and Emerald Ave.

The victim of the alleged attack required three stitches on his face.

Little League Tryouts Begin Here March 1st

The Torrance American Little League will hold try-outs for the fourth coming baseball season, on March 1st and March 8th at Del Amo Park, Plaza Del Amo near Western Avenue in Torrance.

The third and final try-out will be held on March 15th at Seaside Park, at Sharynne Lane and Reese Road.

All boys except those who played on one of the six major league teams must attend at least two out of the three try-outs, to be eligible to play.

Results of the try-outs will be announced at the March general meeting of the League, which will be held at Seaside School Auditorium on March 18, at 8 p.m.

All boys who try-out are urged to attend this meeting, with their parents so that they will know which team they are to play on this year. Further information can be obtained by calling FRontier 5-3275.



GETS POINTERS—Bob Wallace, a firearms expert, gives pointers on fast draw with single action revolver to Jack Peterson, right, founder of the Southern California Single Action Club.

New Law Will Ban Oil Wells On Hawthorne

Second hearing on a proposed ordinance which will ban oil drilling along Hawthorne Blvd. will be held by the Planning Commission on March 5.

The law will prohibit the sinking of new wells within 300 feet of the center line on Hawthorne Blvd. between Del Amo Blvd. and 230th St.

Object of the ordinance is to clear Hawthorne Blvd. frontage for commercial development.

No protests were filed at the first hearing held Wednesday.

Democratic Club Approves Slate Of Candidates

The regular board meeting of the North Torrance Democratic Club was held Monday night, at which time the board endorsed Vincent Thomas, Assemblyman for the 68th Assembly District and Cecil King, U. S. Congress, for the 17th District.

John Anagnostis and Jack White were chosen as delegates to attend the convention of the Board of Equalization.

Four other delegates, John Mulvihill, John Anagnostis, Jack White and Harmon Belcher were chosen to attend the Los Angeles County Convention to be held March 1st.

The Club also discussed future plans for a dance to be held sometime in April. The president of the Club, John Mulvihill stated that there will be a voters registrar in attendance at their next meeting March 3rd, for the convenience of those not registered and there is a standing welcome to all democrats in the North Torrance area to attend any of the club meetings.

Police Report Two Burglaries In Torrance

A gold watch and some pennies from a piggy bank were stolen in two burglaries, police reported.

The \$300 watch was taken from the home of Mrs. Martha Williams, 16411 Haas ave. Between 25 and 100 pennies were stolen from the residence of Robert E. Tan of 4212 W. 173rd st.

New Girl Scout Intermediates

A mother's meeting was held for a newly formed intermediate Girl Scout troop on February 11 at the home of the troop leader, Mrs. Hugh Chadwick, 5330 Halison St. Mrs. Zygmond Giza is co-leader. Neighborhood chairman, Mrs. Richard Hess also attended the meeting.

Committee women for the new troop will be Mmes. Douglas Eiler, Harry Dickel, John Shriner, Chester Black, and Glen E. Eis.

Mothers attending the meeting were Mmes. R. L. Pratt, Glen E. Eis, M. R. Mayers, B. M. Walters, Richard W. Hess, Zygmond Giza, Chester Black, Douglas Eiler, Harry Dickel, Robert E. Walker, and John Shriner.

Other mothers who attended were Mmes. Kenneth Lathrop, Ralph Petersinger, Charles R. Petersen, Dale McConnell, Paula Stoll, Hugh Chadwick, Ruby Moschetto, Rice Evans, M. Rodriguez, M. Bilben, Irwin Iversen, Clarence Fox, Clifford Greenlee, I. Ritter, and Harold Cole.

Single Action Club Shooting Match to Be Held on Sunday

Single action enthusiasts who are copying the ways of the gunmen of the Old West will hold a shooting match today at 7:30 p.m., in the Torrance Police pistol range.

This will be preliminary to a shooting match between members of the Southern California Single Action Club and the best marksmen of the Torrance police force.

Club members use single action frontier guns and receive complete instruction in handling the weapons from Bob Wallace, a firearms specialist.

Their specialty is the quick draw and rapid firing with weapons that must be cocked between each shot.



FIRES—Jack Peterson lets go with quick blasts with his revolver, using fanning method to cock the action. Club emulates methods of famed gun fighters of Old West.

Car Hits Train; Driver Injured

An elderly businessman was injured Tuesday when his auto collided with a Santa Fe train at Arlington Ave. and Plaza Del Amo.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Walter Guy Olson, 74, of 22501 S. Western Ave., driver of the auto.

Two other drivers injured in a two-car collision at Western Ave. and 207th St., received medical aid from a private physician.

They were identified by police as Una Thompson, 41, of 322 W. Plymouth St., Inglewood, and Joseph Weiss, 41, of 321 Camino de las Colinas, Redondo Beach.

Trailer Fire Los Was \$400, Firemen Say

Damage to a trailer which caught fire early Friday morning, was estimated at \$400 to the exterior and an unknown amount of loss to the interior by Torrance firemen.

Neither Carrol Calhoun, the owner, nor his wife were injured in the blaze at 4146 Pacific Coast Highway.

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